Falls Church Senior Citizens Commission Minutes of Meeting

May 16, 2007

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Susan Pollack at 4:05 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Jan Greenberg, Kate Ripley, Bea Brady, Susan Pollack, Mary Hood (via speaker phone)

Staff: Letha Flippin

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The minutes for the March, 2007 meeting were approved unanimously.

4. OLD BUSINESS

City Swimming Pool – Mary Hood has obtained the blueprint for the swimming pool at Providence Recreation Center in Fairfax County, and has contact information for the company that has been hired by Arlington County to rebuild pools at two of their high schools. Letha reported that Ann O'Neil spoke with Howard Herman about the pool and he supports the idea and believes there may be space available at the high school. Susan Pollack commented that the May 2008 election is an appropriate time to have a referendum or bond on the ballot supporting the pool. Mary and Ann will draft a document outlining the proposal for the pool and Susan will take it to the Superintendent of Schools to follow up on the possibility of building it on school property. The commission agreed that it may be necessary to schedule additional meetings over the summer to work on this project.

Older Americans Month Celebration – The celebration will be held at the Senior Center on Thursday, May 17. Activities will include a nature walk, various presentations, Nutrition Bingo and free blood pressure screening. On behalf of the Commission, Susan Pollack purchased backpacks (with the Commission name imprinted on them) to give to attendees, and also agreed to donate bottles of water to the event. Bea Brady moved, seconded by Kate Ripley that the commission approve reimbursing Susan Pollack for the purchase of these items with Commission funds. The motion passed unanimously.

- **5. NEW BUSINESS** Members of the Senior Commission are invited to attend the Human Services Advisory Council meeting scheduled for May 17, 2007, to consider whether the two groups should consolidate. Letha Flippin shared the agenda for this meeting with the commission. The consolidation has been suggested as a solution to problems both commissions have had with membership, quorum, and activities.
- **6. CHAIRPERSONS REPORT** Susan Pollack reported that she chaired the recent meeting of the Northern Virginia Aging Network (NVAN). The agenda included a presentation by Howard Houghton on Long Term Care Insurance Partnerships. Other topics discussed included the Elder Justice Act and an AARP seminars report.

